

### *E. Equipment Availability, Maintenance, and Testing Requirements*

Comments from the mining community have suggested that the costs associated with the current equipment requirements prevent some mine operators from establishing a mine rescue team.

In light of today's mine rescue team needs, what type, amount, maintenance and testing of equipment is appropriate to ensure the same level of protection for miners?

### *F. Incentives*

A recommendation was received by the Agency to consider an incentive in the form of penalty reductions for mine operators that establish and maintain mine rescue teams.

The Agency believes this type of incentive would be prohibited by the Mine Act. We would, however, welcome suggestions on other types of incentives which would encourage operators to establish their own mine rescue teams.

Dated: March 7, 2002.

**Dave D. Lauriski,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.*

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## **MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **Commission Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2002, and Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on March 21, and at 9 a.m. on March 22.

Topics for discussion include: Assessing the Medicare benefit package; changes in medical practice and the delivery of care—implications for the Medicare benefit package; changes in private sector benefit packages—implications for the Medicare benefit package; supplementing the Medicare benefit package: Medicaid, Medigap, retiree health care, and the role of Medicare+Choice; total spending and sources of payment for beneficiaries' health care; coverage of and payment for non-physician practitioners; beneficiaries' access to Medicare

hospice care; Medicare coverage of cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation services; Medicare benefit package: preliminary findings; criteria for evaluating potential changes to the Medicare benefit package; options for changing the Medicare benefit package, and reviewing the SGR update for 2003.

Agendas will be mailed on March 12, 2002. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website ([www.MedPAC.gov](http://www.MedPAC.gov)).

**ADDRESSES:** MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

**Murray N. Ross,**

*Executive Director.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Request for Clearance; Public Information Collection Requirements To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget; Notice**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Request for clearance: Public information collection requirements to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request extension of approval for this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB extend clearance of this collection for at least 3 years.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by May 13, 2002, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov), and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Attn: Lauren Wittenberg, NSF Desk Officer.

**Comments:** Written comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Cross-Site Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Education and Human Resources' Urban Systemic Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0186.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* July 31, 2002.

### *Abstract:*

The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for an evaluation of the Urban Systemic Program (USP), a study that has been on-going since October 1999 first under OMB 3145-0136 and now under OMB 3145-0186. Due to a change in OMB terms of clearance for OMB 3145-0136, NSF established an independent clearance for the USP study under the terms of an emergency clearance.

USP began in 1999 when NSF made competitive awards of up to \$3 million per year, for up to 5 years, to 5 urban school districts. Since then, the program has made awards to 13 additional districts in 2000, and another 9 districts in 2001. The USP represents one of NSF's major investments in improving science and mathematics education in